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SUBJECT: REPLY TO MAPINUS VAN GESSEL'S LETTERS.

REF: TAIPEI 4302

1. FYI FOLLOWING IS FINAL TEXT OF REPLY TO VAN GESSEL'S LETTERS. REPLY WAS DRAFTED IN DEPARTMENT AND SIGNED BY WHITE HOUSE STAFFER. AS CAN BE SEEN, NO NEW ASSURANCES OR SPECIFIC CONDITIONS ARE SET OUT.

2. (BEGIN TEXT) DEA, MR. VAN GESSEL: THE PRESIDENT HAS ASKED ME TO RESPOND TO YOUR LETTERS OF JUNE 2 AND APRIL 12 IN WHICH YOU EXPRESSED YOUR CONCERNS ABOUT THE NORMALIZATION OF OUR RELATIONS WITH THE PRC AS IT AFFECTS OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA. YOUR LETTERS HAVE BEEN SHARED WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

WE ARE VERY CONSCIOUS OF YOUR ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA, THE BENEFITS THEY BRING AMERICA AND  
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THEIR ROLE IN SUSTAINING A HEALTHY ECONOMIC CLIMATE ON TAIWAN. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THESE INTERESTS ARE BEING CAREFULLY CONSIDERED AS WE APPROACH THE QUESTION OF NORMALIZATION.

PRESIDENT CARTER HAS AFFIRMED OUR GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION

TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

ON THE BASIS OF THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE. VARIOUS FACTORS WILL INFLUENCE OUR APPROACH TO NORMALIZATION, INCLUDING SUCH CONSIDERATIONS AS THE EFFECT ON GLOBAL AND REGIONAL STABILITY AS WELL AS ON THE INTERNATIONAL STANDING OF THE U.S. AND AMERICAN ECONOMIC INTERESTS ABROAD.

THE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS CONCERNING OUR POST-NORMALIZATION RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN WHICH WERE RAISED IN YOUR APRIL 12 LETTER ARE VALID ONES WHICH ARE BEING CAREFULLY STUDIED BY THIS ADMINISTRATION. HOWEVER, AT THE PRESENT STAGE, IT IS SIMPLY NOT POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE THE ANSWERS YOU DESIRE. WE RECOGNIZE THESE ISSUES MUST BE ADDRESSED AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME AND RESOLVED IN A MANNER THAT PROTECTS AMERICAN INTERESTS.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONVEYING TO US THE CHAMBER'S VIEWS. BOTH THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT ARE APPROACHING THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH FULL AWARENESS OF YOUR CONCERNS, AS WELL AS OF THE BROADER GOALS IN ACHIEVING A NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

BEST WISHES,

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(S) VALERIO L. GIANNINI  
(END TEXT.) VANCE

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